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Date: October 16, 2014

To: Interagency Wildland Fire Community

From: Chair, Great Basin Critical Incident Stress Management Committee

Subject: Advanced Peer and Group Support Course

The Great Basin will be hosting an Advanced Critical Incident Stress Management Course in Las Vegas, Nevada February 17-19, 2015. The Advanced Course is designed for personnel who have already completed the Basic Peer and Group Support course and have participated as a Peer Supporter or Group Leader on assignments. The course is sponsored by the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF).

The course will cover CISM Lessons Learned, comprehensive CISM approaches to complex situations, multi-incident CISM, psychotherapy vs. crisis intervention, Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome, research outcomes in CISM, as well as other information for advanced and experienced peer and group supporters. Students who successfully complete the course will receive ICISF certification for attendance. Selections will be completed by mid-December. At that time those who have been selected will receive logistics information and course agenda.

Nominations should be submitted to the Great Basin Training Unit at:
http://www.nationalfiretraining.net/schedule/detail/gb_CISMA_02-17-2015_4309.

Your contribution and effort is important to the continuing success of Critical Incident Peer Support program within all Geographic Areas. If you have any questions, please contact me at 702-515-5081 or email me at nstclair@blm.gov.

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